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UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION

In re
15 SEDGWICK LLP,
16 Debtor.

Case No. 18-31087

Chapter 11

**DECLARATION OF MICHAEL LAUTER
IN SUPPORT OF FIRST INTERIM
APPLICATION OF SHEPPARD MULLIN
RICHTER & HAMPTON LLP FOR
ORDER ALLOWING COMPENSATION
AND REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES
INCURRED AS COUNSEL TO THE
OFFICIAL COMMITTEE OF
UNSECURED CREDITORS FOR THE
PERIOD FROM MAY 6, 2019 THROUGH
JULY 31, 2019**

Date: September 5, 2019
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Place: 450 Golden Gate Ave., 16th Floor
Courtroom 19
San Francisco, CA 94102
Judge: Hon. Hannah L. Blumenstiel

1 I, Michael Lauter, declare:

2 1. I am an attorney licensed to practice law in the State of California and am admitted
3 before this Court. I am a partner with the law firm Sheppard Mullin Richter & Hampton LLP
4 ("Sheppard"), counsel to the committee of unsecured creditors (the "Committee") appointed in the
5 bankruptcy case of debtor Sedgwick LLP ("Debtor"). I make this declaration in that capacity.

6 2. This declaration is provided in support of the *First Interim Application Of*
7 *Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton LLP For Allowance Of Compensation And Reimbursement*
8 *Of Expenses Incurred As Counsel to the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors for the Period*
9 *form May 6, 2019 through July 31, 2019* (the "Application") filed concurrently herewith by
10 Sheppard. Capitalized terms not defined herein shall have the meanings given to them in the
11 Application.

12 3. I am authorized by Sheppard to make this declaration on its behalf in support of the
13 Application. Except for those statements made upon information and belief, I have personal
14 knowledge of the facts set forth herein, and could and would testify competently thereto if called
15 as a witness. As to those statements made upon information and belief, I believe them to be true.

16 4. By the Application, Sheppard seeks an order of the Court (1) granting interim
17 approval of compensation totaling \$204,880.20¹ (consisting of total professional fees of
18 \$197,575.65 and reimbursement of expenses totaling \$7,304.55) for services rendered on behalf of
19 the Committee during the period from May 6, 2019 through July 31, 2019 (the "Application
20 Period"); (2) authorizing and directing the Debtor to make immediate payment to Sheppard of all
21 allowed and outstanding amounts sought in this Application and approved by the Court; and
22 (3) granting such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper.

23 5. The Application was prepared at my direction and under my supervision. Upon a
24 review of the Application, I find that it accurately reflects the work performed by Sheppard during
25 the Application Period.

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¹ The amount sought in this Application reflects: a voluntary discount given to the Debtor by
28 Sheppard Mullin of \$21,840.00.

6. There is no agreement or understanding between Sheppard and any other person, other than members of Sheppard, for the sharing of compensation and expense reimbursement to be received for services rendered and costs incurred in this case.

4 7. All compensation and expense reimbursement requested by Sheppard have been
5 billed at rates in accordance with practices no less favorable than those customarily employed by
6 Sheppard and generally accepted by Sheppard's clients.

7 8. A copy of the detailed statement (the “Statement”) of the services performed and
8 out-of-pocket expenses incurred by Sheppard during the Application Period is attached to the
9 Application as Exhibit B. The Statement sets forth Sheppard's time and expense records as kept in
10 the ordinary course of Sheppard's business, and contains the following information: the names of
11 each attorney performing services, the description of the services, and the amount of time incurred
12 for their services. The Statement is organized in chronological order, separated by billing
13 categories for each task or matter (each a “Project Billing Category”) as required by the
14 Guidelines. A summary of the professional fees incurred by each attorney or paralegal performing
15 services, the hourly rate, the amount of time spent and related fees, is set forth on page 33 of
16 Exhibit B.

17 9. A summary of the Project Billing Categories used by Sheppard during the
18 Application Period is attached to the Application as Exhibit C. The summary includes the total
19 professional hours spent and the total fees requested under each category.

20 10. Sheppard Mullin has served a true and correct copy of the Application on Kelly
21 Kinnon, the chairperson of the Committee, inviting discussion, questions, comments, concerns or
22 objections to the Application. A true and correct copy of that correspondence is attached to the
23 Application as Exhibit D.

24 I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the
25 foregoing is true and correct. Executed on August 15, 2019, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ Michael Lauter
MICHAEL LAUTER